

Arlington Public Art
Meeting Minutes 12/18/14

In attendance: Adria Arch, David Ardito, Lorri Berenberg, Alberto Guzman, Jane Howard, Jill Manca, Nilou Moochhala, Marina Tanga

Approval of minutes from 11/21/14 meeting (reviewed at opening of meeting and approved at conclusion of meeting)

Jane reported that she spoke with Laura Weiner and confirmed that Grafton Street will be a site for public art.

Public Art Youth Initiative: Thomas Hartl

The family of Gracie James, an Arlington teen who died in an accident three years ago, would like to fund an annual art project

This may be in the form of banners along Mass Ave, which will be displayed for 3 months in 2016

Thomas, Adria and Jane will meet with Adam in January to discuss logistics and next steps. They plan to meet with the Board of Selectmen in February

Banners are 7' x 3', double sided, and cost approximately \$65/banner

Adria brought up the issue of "competitions" for teens, which can be controversial

A coordinator for this project will be needed.

It was noted that the January meeting will be moved from the 16th to the 22nd.

The group reviewed Jean Mineo's proposal, which will be sent to Adam for review.

Art Rocks Spy Pond

Included in the Arlington Rec catalogue

The date for the opening has been moved from Mother's Day to May 9th

We wish to involve the Friends of Spy Pond Park

Transformer Boxes – report from Jill

6 boxes in Arlington Heights have been identified

Theme: patterns

Vinyl wraps

There are several local companies who produce the wraps and would also install them.

The wraps cost approximately \$15/sq ft

The project will be moved up a month in order to allow the artists to begin in May/June

2 of the transformer boxes are located on poles and we will need to run these by the Town to make sure there are no liability issues

Deadline for entries: March 15, 2015

APA Retreat will be held on Feb 14th from 9am – 1pm at the Robbins Library

Adria has secured Sarah Hutt from NEFA (New England Foundation for the Arts)
We will try to recruit people from outside APA to attend, including people from the Planning Department
Agenda for the retreat needs to be formalized

Adria reported that she will be teaching 2 workshops on public art as part of the Arlington Community Education Program – both in May, in tandem with Art Rocks Spy Pond Park.

New Business

Calendar for 2016 – use all projects that APA has accomplished to date
The committee will revisit this topic in August
APA is receiving funds from MCC (Mass Cultural Council) for Art Rocks Spy Pond
Adria met with the Parks Commission re: guidelines for Public Art
Outline procedures, add a list of organizations that need to sign off on projects
Adria circulated the Robbins History Project's proposal for replacing the Dog Sculpture at Robbins Farm
APA is now included on the MCC and NEFA (Creative Ground) website

Alberto reported on the International Film Festival

The festival will expand venues to Emerson College, Kendall Cinema and Arlington
3 Documentaries from the last festival have been nominated for Oscars
Festival will be partnering with Microsoft
A poster contest will be announced in February.

Meeting adjourns.